

Summer Meeting Bursary Report

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The dermatopathology sessions at the BDIAP Summer meeting 2024 were highly informative and provided valuable insights into various challenging areas of dermatopathology practise. Some of the key highlights and takeaway messages from this 2-day event included:

1. Update on recent 5th edition of WHO Skin Tumours in detail especially of melanocytomas, was refreshing as it provided an in-depth understanding of changes in classification, diagnostic criteria and prognostic factors.
2. The review of the aetiology responsible for alopecia was a stand-out session. It provided a comprehensive understanding of the diagnostic approach to this complex condition, including the role of clinical history, physical examination and Histopathological evaluation.
3. The session on cutaneous vasculopathic reaction patterns addressed the limitations and diagnostic challenges associated with this area. The speaker shared valuable insights and practical tips for differentiating various vasculopathic patterns, which can be challenging in routine histopathology practise.
4. The case-based discussions and tips as to how to approach biopsies were particularly useful, as they offered practical guidance for everyday practise. The speakers shared their experiences and provided valuable insights into diagnostic pitfalls and strategies for overcoming them.

The networking reception on the evening of the first day was a good way to provide an excellent opportunity to interact with colleagues and experts in the field, thus fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

The dermatopathology sessions at the BDIAP Summer Meeting 2024 were well-organised and delivered by leading experts in the field. The combination of theoretical knowledge and practical insights made it a valuable learning experience for both specialists and trainees, like myself, interested in dermatopathology.

The organisers ensured that the sessions were well-paced, with appropriate breaks and refreshments, creating a conducive learning environment for attendees.

While the overall feedback is overwhelmingly positive, I do feel a similar style event can be catered for trainees wanting to learn about dermatopathology, especially the interactive case-based discussions, which I found highly valuable. Additionally, a session focused on emerging technologies and their applications in dermatopathology, such as artificial intelligence and digital pathology, would be interesting to do.

Overall, the sessions at the BDIAP Summer Meeting 2024 was a resounding success, providing attendees with a comprehensive and practical learning experience. The organisers and speakers should be commended for their efforts

in delivering a high-quality educational program that addressed the needs and interests of the Dermatopathology community.